

## New literacy program proving popular with Oregon children

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More than 1000 registrations received already

SALEM, OREGON -- State Treasurer Randall Edwards recently announced that 146 students have already completed the new Reading is an Investment program that Edwards introduced last October. More than 1,350 children from across the state have signed up for the program that helps young Oregonians discover the value of financial education. "The students I have talked with are really excited about it," said Treasurer Edwards. "Some of them have even written me letters to tell me how much fun they are having in the program. They'll find the information they are learning will be useful as they grow up and build their financial futures," he said. The Oregon College Savings Plan, OppenheimerFunds, Inc., and the State Treasurer partnered to donate three books to every public elementary school library in Oregon that teach basic financial concepts. In addition, students receive a long list of other similar age-appropriate books from which to complete the required reading for the program. Once they complete the Reading is an Investment required reading hours, children receive a prize package that includes a certificate of achievement signed by the State Treasurer. The students are also entered into drawing for a chance to win one of 50 Oregon College Savings Plan account scholarships. Treasurer Edwards will award those scholarships in April. To sign up or for more information about the Reading is an Investment program, visit [www.ost.state.or.us](http://www.ost.state.or.us).

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